

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4342

To prohibit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration from relinquishing responsibility over the Internet domain name system until the Comptroller General of the United States submits to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect to such system.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2014

Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself, Mr. ROKITA, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. LATTA, Mr. BARTON, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

---

## A BILL

To prohibit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration from relinquishing responsibility over the Internet domain name system until the Comptroller General of the United States submits to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect to such system.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Domain Openness  
5 Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2014” or  
6 the “DOTCOM Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. NTIA RETENTION OF DNS RESPONSIBILITIES PEND-**  
2 **ING GAO REPORT.**

3 (a) **RETENTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.**—Until the  
4 **Comptroller General of the United States** submits the re-  
5 **port required by subsection (b)**, the Assistant Secretary  
6 **of Commerce for Communications and Information** may  
7 **not relinquish or agree to any proposal relating to the re-**  
8 **linquishment of the responsibility of the National Tele-**  
9 **communications and Information Administration (in this**  
10 **section referred to as the “NTIA”)** over Internet domain  
11 **name system functions, including responsibility with re-**  
12 **spect to the authoritative root zone file, the Internet As-**  
13 **signed Numbers Authority functions, and related root**  
14 **zone management functions.**

15 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date  
16 **on which the NTIA receives a proposal relating to the re-**  
17 **linquishment of the responsibility of the NTIA over Inter-**  
18 **net domain name system functions that was developed in**  
19 **a process convened by the Internet Corporation for As-**  
20 **signed Names and Numbers at the request of the NTIA,**  
21 **the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit**  
22 **to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect**  
23 **to the Internet domain name system. Such report shall**  
24 **include—**

25 (1) a discussion and analysis of—

1 (A) the advantages and disadvantages of  
2 relinquishment of the responsibility of the  
3 NTIA over Internet domain name system func-  
4 tions, including responsibility with respect to  
5 the authoritative root zone file, the Internet As-  
6 signed Numbers Authority functions, and re-  
7 lated root zone management functions;

8 (B) any principles or criteria that the  
9 NTIA sets for proposals for such relinquis-  
10 ment;

11 (C) each proposal received by the NTIA  
12 for such relinquishment;

13 (D) the processes used by the NTIA and  
14 any other Federal agencies for evaluating such  
15 proposals; and

16 (E) any national security concerns raised  
17 by such relinquishment; and

18 (2) a definition of the term “multistakeholder  
19 model”, as used by the NTIA with respect to Inter-  
20 net policymaking and governance, and definitions of  
21 any other terms necessary to understand the matters  
22 covered by the report.

○